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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Staff Satellite Communications

REFERENCE: Ltr dtd 29 July 68 for Director/DCA  
fr [ ] re Satellite  
Communications Facilities

25X1 1. I called Mr. [ ] concerning the reference letter which proposes  
that it would be technically and economically possible to convert the major  
portion of the Agency's communications network to the [ ]

25X1 [ ] The follow-on conversations with [ ]  
25X1 [ ] office indicated in principle that there appeared to be no  
difficulties in accepting our requirements.

25X1 2. I pointed out to Mr. [ ] that this is a major policy decision on  
behalf of the Agency and that if we are truly going this route, we must have  
a policy position paper within the Agency appropriately approved which will  
commit the Agency to this proposed course of action. I pointed out that from  
both a program, budgetary and authorization aspect such a position should be  
a matter of record so that all subsequent actions can flow in conformity with the  
policy decision.

3. It was pointed out that we have not as yet had the briefing of the  
DDCI and the Executive Director of the Satellite Communications Program but  
that we will set this up in the first two weeks of September when the Executive  
Director returns. It is felt that after the briefing has taken place, the ground-  
work will have been laid for the policy position paper. While no irrevocable  
decision has been made, major policy communications of this nature should be  
appropriately staffed and approved.

[ ]  
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